

Refugee Assistance

What does this program do?

Provides payments for contracted services for refugees, such as English as a second language, training, job placement and resettlement services, which promote self sufficiency and reduce the number of people receiving public benefit payments.

What is the statutory base?

Federal: P.L. 96-212, Refugee Act of 1980

Is this a federally mandated program?

Yes.

What is the funding?

Fiscal Year	General Revenue	Federal	Other	Total
2001	\$0	\$3.8 mil	\$0	\$3.8 mil
2002	\$0	\$3.8 mil	\$0	\$3.8 mil
2003	\$0	\$3.8 mil	\$0	\$3.8 mil
2004	\$0	\$3.8 mil	\$0	\$3.8 mil

What are the sources of the non-general revenue funds?

Refugee Assistance Program Grant

Who does the Family Support Division contract with to provide refugee services?

Currently there are 7 contractors including the following (grouped by geography):

St. Louis, Missouri

- International Institute of Metropolitan St. Louis
- Metropolitan Employment and Rehabilitation Services
- Lao Mutual Aid Association
- Ethiopian Community Association

Kansas City, Missouri

- Don Bosco Community Center
- Jewish Vocational Services

Jefferson City, Missouri

- Refugee and Immigration Services

Note: To be eligible under these contracts the people served must be identified as refugees, asylees or Cuban/Haitian entrants by immigration identification cards issued by the US Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS). Additionally, certain Amerasians from Vietnam who are admitted to the US as immigrants under section 584 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 1988 as included in the FY88 Continuing Resolution and certain Amerasians from Vietnam including US citizens under Title II of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Acts.

How many people are served through these contracts?

	FFY-2001	FFY-2002	FFY-2003
English as a Second Language Training	3,013	2,889	2,294
Job Placement	2,829	1,179	2,391